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Wives Upon  
Sound Basis

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THAT married women, especially those who do their work, should be entitled to membership in unions in addition to those listed as being in gainful occupations and that women of this class should be given a more definite economic position, are two contentions made by Alice Henry in discussing the working woman and marriage in her latest book, "The Trade Union Woman."

The fact that modern improvements are simplifying the management of the home in many communities, does not materially affect the condition of those who cannot afford them, hence an investigation of domestic service is suggested.

Miss Henry says "It is of the utmost importance to society, as well as to the woman, that the whole economic status of the married woman, performing domestic duties, should be placed upon a sounder basis. It is not the satisfaction of the position of the average wife and mother could confine its results to herself. Compared with other occupations, here, little note of the conditions that the self-respecting wage-earner demands. The twenty-four hour day, and severe conditions, no legal claim for remuneration, these are her common working conditions. I leave unnoted the unqualified claim of her children upon her time and strength."

The poor working conditions she suffers under, reduce her share in the married partnership to that of an employee in a sweated trade. This, like all other sweated trades, tends to lower the market value of women's work. If the woman were an ordinary wage-worker, we should say of her that her economic position was an understated one and that individually she was too dependent upon the goodwill of another. Conversely, if she were a "Trade" woman, we should say that the improvements in the economic position of the domestic worker, which have come about in recent years, are partly at least due to the successful effort of single women to make themselves independent and self-supporting.

"Let us compare factory occupations with the domestic arts. There is no doubt that in the home, the housewife finds scope for a far higher range of qualifications than the factory girl exercises in preparing tomatoes for a canner. There is scarcely any division of labor in the home, which does not call for resource and alertness. The housewife's versatility is attained at the price of having no standards of comparison established. Yet, more than all at the price of working in isolation and so never having an incentive to what organized effort means."

"Further, women saying that they are engaged in domestic duties not being paid employees, are listed as not gainfully employed. Yet it is impossible to believe that compared with other ways of employing time and energy the hours women spend in cooking and cleaning for the family, even if on unobtainably primitive lines, have no value to the community. A woman publicist recently expressed regret that organizations like the National Woman's Trade Union League confined their attention so exclusively to women and girls employed in factories and stores. Every movement follows the line of least resistance, and a movement for the industrial organization of women must not neglect those in the most advanced and highly organized industries."

"The league recently urged upon the Secretary for Labor the recognition, as an economic factor, of the work of women in the household trades; the classification of these trades, whether paid or unpaid, on a par with other occupations; and lastly Government investigation of domestic service."

Copper-toed Shoes for Boys.

How dear to the heart are the shoes of our childhood. When Fashion revives and presents them to view. They bring back our cub days, our just-running, our first love, our first love, our first love. And every touch game that our infancy knew. The baseball, the shiny, football, kick-the-wick, And duck-on-the-rock. But what ever befall. No savage young Percy, Fritz, Key or Miley. Could damage those brogans that served us so well. The copper-toed brogans, the riveted brogans, the iron-banded brogans that served us so well. -Tom Daly in the Evening Ledger, Philadelphia

## TIME'S WARNING



Beautiful as the DAWN, radiant as the NOONDAY, lovely as a summer's EVENING—in the mirror she sees the NIGHT of BEAUTY coming. The MIRROR—what does it show? In what form does she see TIME? Or does she merely FEEL the touch of his shadowy HAND upon her shoulder?

She will not give up without giving BATTLE. She will not be resigned without a FIGHT. So she orders munitions of war—stacks

them before her on the dressing table—lights her candle of HOPE—looks into the PERISCOPE mirror—and muses upon the PAST. After all, TIME cannot take the PAST from her. That's HERS forever.

Then she remembers that always she feared CHANGE. From even the finest things LIFE held she first drew back afraid. So TIME'S WARNING may be a GLORIOUS PROMISE, after all.

Three-Minute  
Journey

By TEMPLE MANNING.

CHINSA, widely romantic of recent years, holds two reasons for fame. It was the birthplace of Napoleon. It is where the vendetta still lingers in all the romance of medieval savagery. Between the years 1800 and 1820, 20,000 people were murdered out of revenge, and during thirty-one years of the last century—from 1821 to 1851—it is estimated that 4,300 persons fell in the vendetta. As recently as 1898 four men met at a well in the village of Zicavo, fought out their feud, and not one lived to tell the tale.

Recently I found it still the custom in the district of Sartene for the new-born child to be "blessed" with this wish: "May you fall a victim to the gun." Never a boy grows to manhood without being taught how to use that gun. If a son dies in his bed, or peacefully passes away elsewhere, the old crones of the neighborhood, remembering the teachings of their own ancient youth, heap reproaches upon his parents, and speak of the one who has died so natural a death as a coward. But the man who falls in vendetta, or escapes after his deed to exile, there to live an outlaw, becomes a hero in their eyes.

Grave, indeed, have been the causes of many of the vendettas, but often the "passing of the lie" is deemed necessary to be atoned for in blood. One of the other must fall, and where the victim dies there his kin erect a rude wooden cross and there his nearest male relative takes the vendetta vow. But often there is no male left to the house. Then it is that his wife, or maybe his mother, dons male attire and vows to avenge the death of her son. To the remaining female relative it is as much a duty to carry on the vendetta as it is for an American mother to rear her child in loving memory of her husband. Happily, the barbarous custom is dying, and soon the vendetta will be a thing of the past, as the cruel, peace-loving, progressive Corsicans would have us believe it is today.

## Simplicity in Table Service

Decorations Are Best When Simple, Natural, and Not Too Prominent—Low Groupings Best.

By MRS. CHRISTINE FREDERICK.

WHILE paying considerable attention to the food needs of her family, the true homemaker will not forget the right serving of food. Indeed, as it is true to say, it is not food alone but the way we eat it, the circumstances, and how it is served, which make or mar our pleasure at meals.

We are thankful that the period of carian table furnishings is rapidly passing; that it is no longer good taste to have a surplus of silver and a glare of glass. Nor is it good taste to combine too many kinds of table decorations, glass, china, silver, pottery, flowers, and whatnot. The best appointed table is one on which there is always the impression of restrained decoration, of simplicity.

"Manners" does not belong to the well appointed table, and there are only a few occasions when we can safely use bowls of ribbon and tulle among china and glass. That which is natural is always most dignified. The aim in serving an attractive meal is that the food served should seem attractive, not that our eyes be distracted from the food to the containers. In other words, we do not want to eat silver, glass, painted china, and these things are beautiful and serviceable but do not allow themselves to be the most prominent articles in the pictures.

Have sat at tables which fairly shrank with cut glass, or where the silver was so profuse that the women may be. When the wolf of extravagance gnaws at the door her right of child vanishes. The city will pay a relative, a neighbor, a stranger or an institution money to care for the child, but it will not give the same money to the mother and permit her to keep the child.

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By Will Nies

New Scientific Method  
Makes It Possible To  
Splice Severed Nerves

By DR. LEONARD KEENE HIRSHBERG.

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HAVE you ever thought of the spider and its web? There you see illustrated many twice-told but unheeded tales. The spider may be at the farthest corner of the web; he may be off on a distant mission—hanging, as the novelists say of their heroes—"by a thread," yet the appearance of a fly in his parlor at any instant anywhere, sees the spider dart with the precision of an arrow for its target, straight at the exact spot where its prey rests.

The accurate information brought to the spider along the complicated threads of its web may be likened to the flashes of wireless impulses moved toward the distant points of the human anatomy by the nerves.

The nerves, moreover, resemble in some respects the size, shape, and quality of the spider-spun lines of communication. Even to the spinning of the web, there is an analogy. When an accident, a knife, a bullet, a blow, or what-not severs a nerve, the inside, central or main portion "spins" out a fresh one to grow down into the distant, decayed or useless part.

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Pieces of nerve thread have been proved able to grow, whether associated with the "cell body" in the gray matter or not. Prof. Ross G. Harrison, of New Haven, whose courses inspired by Alexis Carrel and all others since was the first to make nerve fiber grow away from living creature. Yes, a nerve can be cut and grown in laboratories like the cutting from a rose or other bush.

At the end of four weeks, such a cutting has hundreds of newly generated fibers. Indeed, nerves cut a year before and kept in cold storage will regenerate, if then placed under appropriate condition for nourishment and growth.

If a child with infantile paralysis, a condition in which microbes and their poisons destroy the nerve to certain muscles, is taken to a skilled surgeon, it is often possible for him to sever cross and reunite the palsied, flaccid, relaxed and useless muscle with another nerve. Not matter what the result from such nerve splicing of nerves, these persist as habitually as the nerves of the body. Months of attention is given to the readjustment of the habit, education and uses of the affected parts.

Finally, the surgeon may graft upon nerves crushed or mashed lengthwise, portions of other nerves. The diseased or injured nerves are engrafted to new and segments of sound nerves are small bits of white velvet.

Fancy girdles of ribbon and silk and also of velvet never lose their infinite variety. Just now they are shown in many shapes both wide and narrow. The beautiful new ribbon designs and soft velvets when used for girly's add distinction to any gown. Girdles of ribbon are worn with separate skirts.

Quite the latest novelty in hand bags is the tapestry bag with tortoise shell handles.

There is sure to be a black and white craze some time during the year, and just now it is the white season. White hats are perhaps the most popular, but white suits, white shoes and white coats are good style.

Silver brocade is taking the place of the traditional white satin for wedding gowns. Fashion Art League Bulletin.

## PERSONAL ADVICE.

Readers desiring advice should remember:

1. To address inquiries to Dr. L. K. Hirschberg, care of The Washington Times.
2. To enclose a stamped and addressed envelope if a personal reply is desired.

## Like Old Friends.

At a dinner and theater party recently given in Washington a beautiful debutant was frightened beyond measure because Senator Blank had been selected for her escort. The poor girl was almost in tears from nervousness.

"But mother," she protested, "what ever can I talk to him about?"

The mother smiled. "You'll like him, dear, everyone does."

It was late that night when the debutante came running into her mother's boudoir, a happy flush on her young cheeks. "I've had a perfectly dandy time," she announced, "and I think the Senator's fine. He isn't at all what I expected him to be. Why, he hasn't even two words to me. We were talking about fleas in Italian hotels. Every body's."

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## One Small Life.

If some one had ventured to say, a week ago, that there had been in Chicago a child upon whose life or death the whole country would put its mind, nobody would have credited him.

If at the same time another person had raised the academic question whether it lay within the judgment of man to take an innocent life in order to keep its nooses from imbecility, the question would have been dropped, as most hypothetical questions are, into the mental waste basket of the busy world.

But the hour came when that very question was applied to the child in Chicago, and the problem was no longer academic, because it had centered upon a living human. Therefore it was a question which every man and woman asked himself, and a subject which has aroused perhaps more general interest than even the cataclysmic battle of the Maine.

Such has been the story of the world: no cause, no struggle, no victory is remembered except where the entry of human element has vitalized the scene. Men and nations have

sometimes disregarded this truth until the day came, and the proof. If the military ruler of Belgium had known with what terrific speed and force the opinion of the world mobilizes when it has some central human figure to center upon, he would have waited a long time before he dealt the terrific blow to Germany that fell on the infant of Edith Cavell's death.

## Mother and Child.

Do you believe any city should have the power to take Mrs. Smith's child away from her and present it to Mrs. Jones?

Of course, you don't. But that is precisely what is being done right along in the Juvenile Court.

Judge MacNell protests vigorously against this cruel duty, and he will appeal to the superior court for a decision permitting him to pursue a more humane course.

Every probation officer and every progressive social worker protests against the practice. But there is no

escape from it unless the superior court finds a way.

The danger of having her children kidnapped by the city confronts every mother who is or may some day be too poor to support her offspring.

It makes no difference how industrious, competent and affectionate the woman may be. When the wolf of extravagance gnaws at the door her right of child vanishes.

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